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On Board the Neptune

North River Octob. 13<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> Octob. which I have just received. The assurances it contains of your regard gives me great pleasure. Within these few weeks the face of affairs are quite reversed. The last accounts from Lord Cornwallis previous to the action to the Southward were very disheartening, but the defeat of the Rebels which immediately followed



Is of the best & most important  
consequences - The action was doubt-  
-ful for some time - The event was  
Glorious to L<sup>d</sup> Cornwallis -

Gen<sup>l</sup> Leslie who commands the  
Present Expedition (which is believed to  
be for the Southward) sails to morrow.  
He takes with him the Guard, The  
Regim<sup>t</sup> of Bosc The Flank Corps of the  
82<sup>d</sup> Small's Corps - Taning's Corps &  
Watson's with the addition of 100 Yagers.  
I hope soon to have the pleasure to  
acquaint you that we are in quiet  
possession of North Carolina - I am  
told they are three fourths Friends



You will no doubt receive a  
circumstantial Acc<sup>t</sup> of poor Andre's  
Fate - He was executed the 2<sup>d</sup> Inst. &  
I much & deservedly lamented -

One Arnold who came in abt.  
today, & is appointed to the  
Command of a corps with the Rank  
of Brigad<sup>er</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. His Example is  
likely to be followed by many  
of the same Rank in the Rebel Army.

You will of course have  
heard of the affair between Col<sup>l</sup>.  
Gordon & Sherman. The Court Mart<sup>l</sup>.  
is over - the Sent<sup>ence</sup> not known  
but both are ordered to remain  
Here - Gordon's behaviour has



been  
"very absurd, & Sherman's not only  
ungenerous but cruel to excess.

Genl. Pickens who received  
a wound in the Thigh in the 11th  
Tough, & refused to undergo Amputation  
is now fast recovering. A few days  
must put a period to his Existence.  
In his death I lose a much Valued  
Friend, & the Service a Most Excell-  
lent Officer - I all'd to bid him  
Adieu, on my parting with him, he  
desired whenever I should write to  
you to make his Compliments to be  
to assure you of his affect<sup>d</sup> regard



Leland to whom I deliver'd your  
Complin<sup>t</sup> & desires me to return  
him, And to say that he is  
much mortified in being con-  
-fined with a bad Leg. He says  
it was consequence of dancing &  
a ~~twisting~~ He receiv'd again<sup>t</sup> the  
Corner of a Stair. I believe its  
the Gout. But He is too Old  
to be Young, & too Young to  
be Old -

I take the liberty to  
congratulate you on the  
the Increase of your Family



The riches of a State depends on  
the number of its Inhabitants.  
It is the same with private  
families I expect to hear you  
have the first pair -

I shall have not forgot the  
Hans, but can assure you  
there has been some work  
your acceptance that I could  
purchase, by or that -

To show you how flush  
we are in this country of Spanish  
Money, I have sent some counters

You may expect in a short  
time to hear from me from



the Southward - In the mean  
time I beg you'll present my  
best respects to Mrs Lewis - And  
the dear Boy, & believe me  
most sincerely & Affectionately  
Yours  
A. Richardson

S<sup>r</sup> G. Rodney is still here  
The Triumph & two other line of  
battles are just arrived from  
a Cruise - All hurt from the  
weather

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Let haste apologize for this trouble



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